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165 Massachusetts Ave
Boston, Mass.
23rd of Jan. 1901.

William Brewster Esq
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,

I am a student of natural history, and I am anxious to buy some good photographic apparatus, suitable for the photographing of birds and other animals. I am informed that you

have done a good deal of this kind of work, and I write to ask if it would be convenient for you to give me a little advice on the subject. If you could spare me a few minutes of your time, I would call, at your convenience, and explain what I want to do, or at your suggestion I should be pleased to state my case in writing, as clearly as I understand it myself.

Hoping that you may be able to answer me,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Ernest Harold Baynes

Baynes Ernest
Aug 21, 1902

Stoneham, Mass.
21st Aug. 1902.

William Brewster Esq.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,

Knowing how much you are interested in birds of all kinds, I thought I would just drop you a line to say that I have here two fish hawks so tame that

they roost in my yard, feed from my hand and allow me to pick them up at any time. One of them measures something over five feet across the wings and both are splendid fliers. I have flown them for short distances like homing pigeons. Inclosed are two proofs of photographs recently taken.

If you consider these birds of sufficient interest to repay you for the trouble of visiting this village, I shall be pleased to give you what notes I have made, and give you an opportunity to observe the birds for yourself.

If you cannot come, I shall feel greatly indebted

for any suggestions as to observations which might be made & which would be of scientific value.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Ernest Harold Baynes.

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March 2Ist, I903.

William Brewster Esq.,

Cambridge,

Mass.,

Dear Sir,

A few days ago I wrote to Mr. Ralph Hoffmann, asking him if he could give me the home address of a Great Horned Owl. He kindly gave me, as a general address, " near Fairhaven Bay, on the Concord River," and referred me to you for more definite in formation. For some little time I have been studying a pair of adult birds in captivity, and now I wish to see something of the nesting habits and the young. My plan would be, (in case you directed me to a nest without imposing conditions), first to study the birds at the nest, by visiting them as often as I could, and then, when the young were about to leave the nest, to take one or two of the fledglings, and continue to observe them in captivity for a few weeks. Of course you do not know me, and before asking you to abet me in robbing an owl's nest, ~~it is~~ I should tell you that I have had some experience in caring for owls and hawks, and that except in very rare instances I return them to the woods in as good condition as that in which they came to me. If however, you have any objection to my removing the young from the particular

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nest you may be kind enough to direct me to, kindly tell me so, and I shall respect your wishes in the matter, of course.

Hoping that you may be able to tell me where I can find the nest I want, and the date at which I should be most likely to find it occupied,

Iam,

Very truly yours,

Ernest Harold Baynes.

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- Mar 21, 1904.

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14th of Sept.
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Dear Mr. Brewster,

Thank you so much for the list of birds which nest in holes in trees. What I meant to ask for but probably didn't, was a list of such birds to be found on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. However, I have this information now & I am glad to have the list you sent me just the same.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your very generous words concerning my book "Wild Bird Guests;" it was very kind of you to say them, and I thank you warmly. I know that you will be interested to learn that the book is having a good sale & that it has already gone to a second edition with a preface by Col. Roosevelt.

Very sincerely yours, Ernest Harold Baynes.

TAVERN CLUB,

4 BOYLSTON PLACE.

My dear Mr. O'Brewster:-

Your kind note of the 20th of November, forwarded from Meriden, has just caught me here. I am sending the dollar to the Secretary of the Meriden Bird Club

with instructions to mail you a copy of the latest report of the club, and to present your name at the next meeting. We shall be very proud to welcome you to membership.

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest Harold Baynes.

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165 Massachusetts Ave.
Boston, Mass.
29th of Jan. 1901.

Walter Deane Esq.
145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,
Your kind letter of the 24th inst. was duly received, and I thank you for your offer of advice concerning photographic apparatus. I will tell you as nearly as I can what I am driving at, and then perhaps

you will be in a better position to render assistance.

I am a field student of New England natural history; I make my living by writing on this subject for the magazines and newspapers, and I desire to illustrate my work with photographs of live animals, taken sometimes in captivity but where possible, in their natural haunts. I want to know what instrument (or instruments) would best serve my purpose, and any other advice on the subject which you feel disposed to give me. I am willing to go to an expense of from $200.00 to $250.00 for an outfit, if I can get one ~~to do A1 work~~ for that price, which will do first-class work.

What has been your experience with the telephoto cameras? Do you know anything of the merits of the Reflex? I just mention

these as instruments which have been suggested to me.

What I am specially anxious to know about is the lens. Lloyd's people say that the Bausch Lomb Zeiss? is the best; is it better for this purpose than the Goerz?

Hoping that these questions will not be quite incomprehensible, I am,

Very truly yours
Ernest Harold Baynes.

Baynes, E. H.
Jan. 29, 1901